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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL SARG STATEMENT REGRETS AIR FRANCE HIJACKING

JULY 2 PRESS REPORTED FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY RESPONSIBLE
SOURCE (DEPUTY FONMINISTER RAFAT) AT MFA: "AFTER
STUDYING NEWS OF THE HIJACKING OF FRENCH AIRLINER BY
NUMBER OF ARMED MEN AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS INCIDENT,
INCLUDING THREAT TO BLOW UP PASSENGERS INCLUDING WOMEN AND
CHILDREN, SARG EXPRESSES DEEP REGRET OVER THIS ACTION, ES-
PECIALLY SINCE SYRIA HAS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED ITS CLEAR VIEW
DEPLORING SUCH ACTS WHICH DO NOT SERVE PALESTINIAN CAUSE,
EXPOSE INNOCENT PASSENGERS TO UNJUSTIFIED PERILS, AND PERMIT
ENEMIES OF ARAB NATION OPPORTUNITY TO CONCENTRATE THEIR PROPAGANDA
AGAINST ARAB NATION'S INTERESTS, REPUTATION AND JUST CAUSE.
SARG HOPES THAT EFFORTS EXERTED CONCERNING PRESENT HIJACKING
INCIDENT WILL LEAD TO HUMANITARIAN SOLUTION."
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